Today I was proud to stand with North Chicago leaders to celebrate the reopening of the 22nd street crossing, a major road block to economic prosperity for the city's commercial district. Closed in 1991, Gate 4's closure devastated North Chicago's small business by limiting the traffic flow directly into the commercial hub of the city. The loss of revenue from sailors on the base forced many retail tenants to close. The re-opening of the 22nd street crossing will help drive the economic rebirth of North Chicago as retailers attract traffic leaving the base via the new Gate 4.